Uttaranchal

Sl. No.	NH No.	Stretch Under NHDP Phase–III	Length (Kms.)
1	58 & 72	UP/Uttaranchal border–Dehradun	125
2	87	Râmpur–Kathgodam	88
		TOTAL:	213

West Bengal

Sl. No.	NH No.	Stretch Under NHDP Phase–III	Length (Kms.)
1	35	Barasat–Bangaon	60
2	34	Kolkata–Dhalkola	438
		TOTAL:	498
		GRAND TOTAL:	12230

Production of coal from underground mines

†*329. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: .

(a) whether the production of coal from underground mines is more than that from opencast coal mines in the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) the quantum of coal reserves located so far in underground and opencast coal mines in the country, separately;

(d) whether Government have formulated a plan to increase the production of coal from underground coal mines; and

(e) if so, the target set for production of additional amount of coal for each year upto 2011-12 and whether incentives are being considered to increase this production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In fact, coal production from opencast mines is more than the production from underground mines. The details of coal production achieved from opencast and underground mines during 2006-07 are given below:

million tonnes (mt)

Production from Opencast mines	Production from Underground mines	Total coal production
373.09	57.76	430.85

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The estimated coal resources of the country as on 1.1.2007 are 255.17 billion tonnes (bt) of which the proved coal reserves are 97.92 bt. Reserves estimated are not categorized as underground or opencast mine reserves initially. However, depending upon techno-economic factors, the amenability of reserves for opencast mining or underground mining is decided at the time of projectisation of reserves.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is proposed to increase the production from underground mines from the current level of 57.76 mt achieved in 2006-07 to about 74 mt in the terminal year 2011-12 of the Eleventh Plan as projected by the Working Group on Coal for formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The projected year-wise production details during the Eleventh Five Year Plan are furnished in the table below:–

(million tonnes)

	2006-07 (Actual)	2007-08 (Target)	2008-09 (Projection)	2009-10 (Projection)	2010-11 (Projection)	2011-12 (Projection)
Production from underground (UG) mines	57.76	62.59	65.03	67.75	71.09	73.93

Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited are aiming at increasing the coal production from underground mines by opening new mines with mass production technology and increased production from existing mines through mechanization wherever feasible.

Non-availability of frequencies

*330. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from the cellular operators about non-availability of frequencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the actual position of shortage of frequency at present;

(c) by when this shortage would be covered;

(d) whether these operators are using latest technology solutions; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) to (c) The requests for the allocation of initial frequencies as per the provisions of the service licence and additional frequencies for the growth of services have been received from various cellular operators and these are examined as per criteria in this regard, subject to availability of spectrum. Requirement of additional spectrum for Metros/Metro like cities and other areas have been estimated.